

TWENTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

25 YEAR
RE-REVIEW

The twenty-ninth meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2:30 PM, Friday, 20 October 1950. Present were:

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Item I: The minutes of the regular meeting of 18 October 1950 were read and amended to indicate that the letter to the Commanding General USAF accepting his position and proposal [] and the letter to Secretary of State regarding CIA acceptance of the Air Force position would be drafted by []. Upon inclusion of the amendment, the minutes were approved as read.

Item II: []

It was reported that mobile unit #2 will be ready for shipment to [] on 1 December 1950. Six men will be assigned on TDY to accompany the unit and place it in dead storage after subjecting the unit to a complete inspection upon its arrival. Upon departure of the six technicians, [] will then be responsible for the physical security and protection of this unit. A letter regarding [] assistance is being prepared.

The mobile unit #2, after arrival [] will then be held in readiness so as to provide an emergency [] radio base. In discussion it was pointed out that the road network between [] was such that the mobile unit could be dispatched to whatever point was deemed necessary.

Negotiations for the establishment of a fixed radio base in [] have reached a point where formal [] negotiations for this base are in order and it has not been decided whether or not such formal negotiations are desirable at this date. This discussion should be continued at the next meeting of the board.

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While not on the agenda for the twenty-ninth meeting, the [] radio base was brought up out of order as matter of interest. [] indicated that the Air Force letter of position regarding the establishment of a radio base [] had been referenced to COAPS. Informally, COAPS had indicated their recommendation was identical with that arrived at by the board during its twenty-eighth meeting. During discussion on the [] base, it was agreed that the services of an individual to work solely on this type of problem was required. The recruiting of a negotiator for world-wide communications networks, grade 15, on either a contract or permanent assignment basis had been previously recommended and approved. [] advised the board that an acceptable applicant is now processing.

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New Business

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[] requested a current progress report be presented to the board and that it be broken down into four categories: General progress, personnel, supplies, and special problems.

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[] who had been absent from the board, then raised the following questions as to progress on the following projects:

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A. RS-6 production - [] desired to know if COMMO had received the ADSO letter of authorization for expediting production of the RS-6. In answer to this question [] stated that the authorization had been received and the contract let. The prototype model will be completed by 1 March 1950. Delivery of a small quantity of sets is scheduled for 1 May 1950 with 500 sets delivered by 1 June 1950 and 100 per week thereafter until completion of the contract.

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B. [] Base - [] desired to know the status of negotiations on the [] base. [] stated that [] base has been classified as a low priority project and no work had been done on this project for some time. Formally the project has reached a point requiring []

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D. Relations of Commo personnel with other field personnel.
25X1 [REDACTED] desired to know if this paper was regarded as being of sufficient
25X1 importance for inclusion in the new manual of field regulations that was being
prepared for transmission to field stations. [REDACTED] stated that Commo
felt that this was a most important subject and that the sooner this document
was dissiminated to the field, the better.

E. Equipment stock levels - [REDACTED] desired to know what was
being done by Commo to get equipment stock levels that had been established
by the board. After considerable discussion, Commo agreed to submit a report
showing present stock levels on agent equipment. [REDACTED] then suggested
that such a report be presented monthly by Commo for the information of the
board, until such time as the agreed stock levels had been reached. Mr.
[REDACTED] agreed to submit such a report, while dissenting that it was properly
the concern of the board.

F. Commo mobilization plan - [REDACTED] wanted to know what was
the status of the Commo mobilization plan. [REDACTED] commented that prelim-
inary copies of the mobilization plan had been routed to OPC and OSO, pending
comments from these offices, no further action was being taken.

G. [REDACTED] requested that the establishment of a radio station
[REDACTED] be scheduled for discussion at the next meeting.

H. [REDACTED] asked of the status of the packaged stations.
[REDACTED] stated that Commo had provided packaged stations in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for emergency use. To meet the problem for other areas,
Commo had packaged the essential requirements for radio stations and is hold-
ing the units at the warehouse. These units are capable of meeting emergency
communications requirements that might arise in the future.

I. [REDACTED] asked the status of Commo with regard to the
National Production Authority. [REDACTED] stated that the Engineering depart-
ment, acting upon [REDACTED] request, was in the process of correlating
its requirements for the National Production Authority. The problem was com-
plicated, however, by an additional requirement, which asked for a tabulation
of the number of pounds of aluminium, copper, and brass, etc., that was re-
quired. It is understood that this can be a very general estimate and no
difficulty is anticipated.

J. [REDACTED] then asked whether cables relative to the establish-
ment of the "FG" "J" and "G" stations had been transmitted. As of this time,
reference cables had been dispatched.

SEACA

[REDACTED] asked for the definition of SEACA along with its purpose.
[REDACTED] explained that SEACA represented the Southeast Asia Communications
Activity, and that its purpose primarily was for the establishment of an overt

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25X1 Communications activity for and to support CIA operations in the area handling
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25X1 [redacted] Operation of the activity in general would
25X1 be along the lines of the MECA net. To date, personnel have been selected,
25X1 and authority has been granted to establish the out-stations and the State
25X1 Department is now endeavoring to obtain permission [redacted]
[redacted] to establish the base [redacted]

25X1 In order to further familiarize [redacted] with the
25X1 Communications Division, [redacted] requested that 15 minutes of each board
meeting be set aside for the presentation of an outline of the organization
and function of the various components of the Division. Each overseas area
along with headquarters could be covered and discussion would include current
capabilities, future planning, special problems and equipment available. It
was asked if this presentation could possibly be given to the area chiefs of
OSO and OPC in the new OPC Lecture Room. After discussion, it was agreed that
the decision on presenting this material to all area chiefs would be given
later, after the board had appraised the value of the talks to the board
members.

It was recommended that weekly meetings of the board shall be held on
Wednesday afternoon, at 3:00 PM, until such time as the board is caught up
with its activities.

25X1 It was agreed that [redacted] radio base will be discussed at the next
scheduled meeting. Also to be discussed will be the relation between communi-
cations and other station personnel in the field.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

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